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## RGI Net Income Drops Two Percent

Net income for the nine months ended September 30 was \$10,804,000, a decrease of \$233,000, or 2%, under that for the same period in 1972.

Earnings for the third quarter increased \$1,050,000 over 1972, and included \$1,432,000 (net of tax effect) resulting from a gain on the sale of non-operating land at Aspen, Colo. The proceeds were used to acquire industrial development land at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Comparative figures for the quarter ending September 30: Operating revenues of \$39,009,000 for 1973 compared to \$36,026,000 for 1972; Net income was \$4,763,000 for 1973 compared to \$3,713,000 for 1972.

Operating revenues for nine months ending September 30 were \$111,628,000 for 1973 compared to \$103,403,000 for 1972. Net earnings were \$10,804,000 compared to \$11,037,000 for 1972.

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*A farmer was disturbed by the high speed of cars that raced along the road bordering his property. Fearing for his livestock, he erected a sign reading: "SLOW DOWN FOR NUDIST CAMP CROSSING."*

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### A Reminder

The Post Office would like to give this reminder to insure deliveries this season.

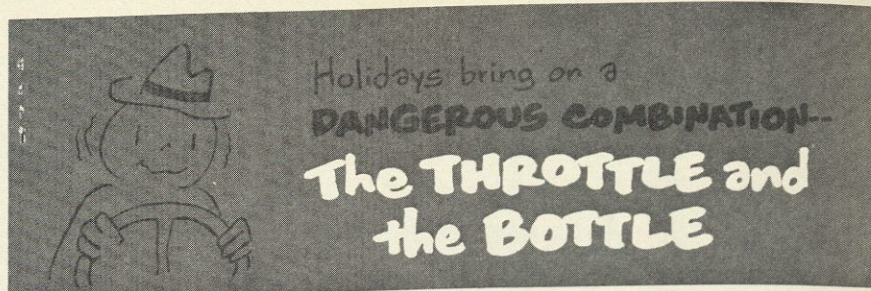
Mail all packages by December 10. Place a return address inside the parcel. Address one side only and use Zip Code. Cushion merchandise and wrap securely.

Mail as many of your Christmas cards before December 15.

The large Post Offices sell cartons, microfoam cushioning, sealing tape and padded mail bags as mailing aids.

Help the people who help bring you Christmas!

Two



Over 60 MILLION Americans drink at least occasionally. More than half the automobile accidents that occur during the holidays involve people who have been drinking.

Sooo--if you are driving to a party, try the **ONE-FOR-ONE PLAN**



**ONE-ONE** ounce drink  
per hour

This spacing of drinks will help you avoid getting too much alcohol in your system.

**THEN**

**ONE** hour without drinking  
before you drive.

**OF COURSE**

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**YOU'RE BEST OFF NOT TO DRINK AT ALL IF YOU'RE GOING TO DRIVE**

## Think It Over

Railroading is not inherently dangerous, but it, like the sea, is mighty unforgiving for one mistake.

When a person is always right, there is something wrong.

After it happens, it's too late.

Rules are made from mistakes.

An accident is an event which is unexpected.

The professional railroader practices safety each day.

Safety is a self-imposed practice.

If you like what you see, and see what you like, use safety glasses.

You put your best foot forward in safety shoes.

Don't be soft headed — use a hard hat.

## On the Cover

A carload of sugar arrives by Rio Grande at the Russell Stover Candy Plant at Montrose. Train crew for this momentous occasion consisted of Jess Markle, engineer; Roy Alexander and Mike Belton, brakemen; and T. M. Anderson, conductor.

**Go  
Rio Grande  
Accident Free  
In '73**

Rio Grande



# R & G Hospital Assn. Moves Into Larger Quarters

The Rio Grande Hospital Association moved into new and larger quarters on October 29. They are now located in Room 611, Central Bank Bldg., 1108 15th St., which is directly across the street from Rio Grande's general offices in Park Central, Denver. The telephone number, 623-8443, remains the same.

The hospital association began operating in 1883 with dues of 50¢ per month for each member. Dues were used to purchase land for a hospital and for the purpose of furnishing medical and surgical treatment for officers and regular employes of the Denver Rio Grande Railroad. Dr. Bancroft was the first chief surgeon.

On November 10, 1885, the association was incorporated in the State of Colorado as the Denver & Rio Grande Employees Relief Association. After looking into several possibilities, a hospital site was selected at Salida in 1887, although the board of directors remained in Denver.

A horse drawn ambulance was acquired and a medical library was established in 1890. A new horse drawn ambulance was purchased for \$500 in 1897 and a telephone was

installed connecting the hospital with the dispatcher's office at the Salida depot the same year.

Further additions were added to the hospital during the ensuing years, but before they were completed, a fire broke out in 1899, destroying the building, luckily without a loss of life. Reconstruction began in 1900 and was aided in its completion by a \$15,000 donation by E. T. Jeffrey, president, in behalf of the Rio Grande Railroad.

The name was changed to Rio Grande Hospital Association in 1924. Sponsorship of the association by the railroad continued until January 1, 1957 when it became a separate entity to be operated and supported by the railroad employes and the various railroad crafts. The board of directors for the association is composed of six general chairmen of the railroad crafts, elected by the Advisory Committee, and one officer appointed by the railroad to represent non union members.

The hospital was sold to the City of Salida in 1963. Local hospitals in various locations on the Rio Grande system are now used by the Association.

## Rio Grande Sales Personnel Visit the Home Railroad

During the past several years, railroading has undergone many changes with relationship to sales and customer services. New systems and methods have been created.

To keep abreast of what is happening today, Rio Grande's Traffic Dept. brought in eight of their new sales personnel during the week of October 29 to the general offices at Denver. This was to be a five-day briefing on how the Rio Grande operates and what the railroad has to offer the customer. The eight included three district representatives, four office managers and one customer service representative.



**SALES PERSONNEL** touring Rio Grande's facilities in Colorado and Utah were, from left, Morgan Lighter, district sales representative, Oakland; Perry Harris, office manager, Atlanta; Ben Barnes, district sales representative, Ogden; John Tolich, district sales representative, Salt Lake City; Tom Borsch, office manager, Cincinnati; Tom Hawksworth, office manager, Pittsburgh; Dennis Richards, office manager, Portland; and Jerry Delano, customer service representative, New York City.

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The five days turned out to be a whirlwind of activity. They arrived in Denver on Sunday. Monday they drove to Colorado Springs and Pueblo for tours of the railroad's facilities; Tuesday was spent in the general offices visiting with several departments and meeting with department heads; Wednesday the group toured the three yards and industrial parks in Denver as well as touring other departments in the general offices; Thursday they rode the Rio Grande Zephyr to Salt Lake City with classes in freight rates by Vern Haas, asst. manager — Pricing, while en route; Friday they toured Roper Yard and other Rio Grande facilities at Salt Lake City, Clearfield and Ogden.

There is nothing like firsthand knowledge, and the representatives will carry with them to their desired location a better understanding of the Rio Grande.



**SALES PERSONNEL**, shown with Dan E. Pricer, staff assistant, standing at rear, are attending a sales meeting in the general offices at Denver.

Three



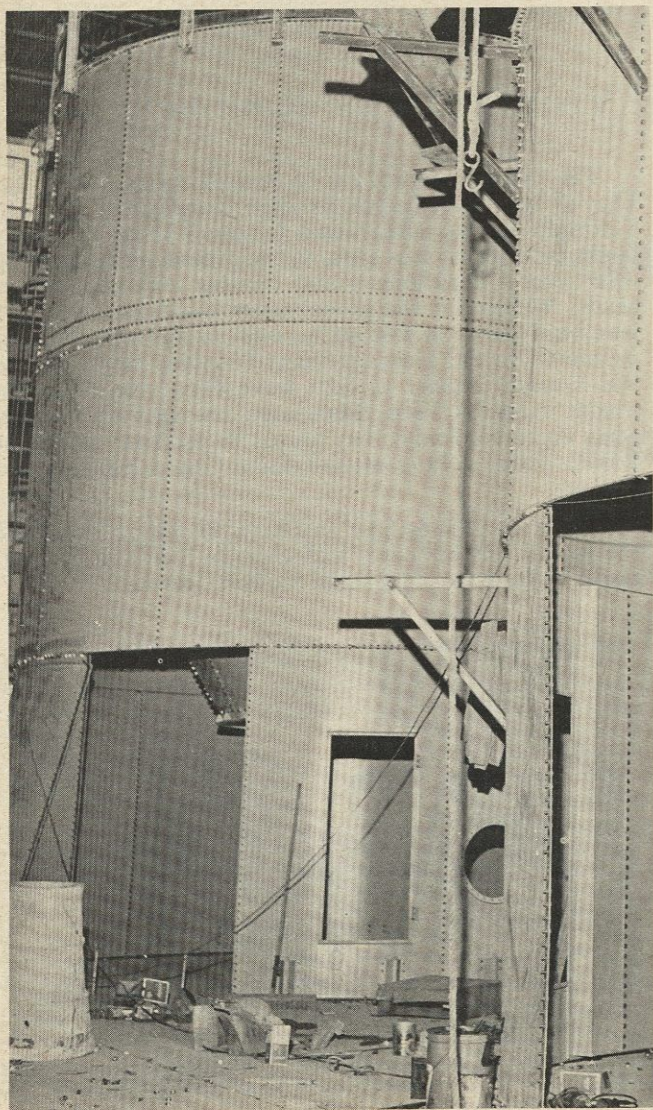
*"How Sweet It Is!"*

## Production To Begin At Stover's New Plant



*STOVER MONTROSE-DELTA CANDY PLANT at Montrose is about ready to go into production.*

To fill the sweet tooth and the candy needs of the western part of the country, Russell Stover has constructed a new plant at Montrose, Colorado. Known as the Russell Stover Montrose-Delta Candy Plant, it is expected to start limited production by year's end with full production in the early part of 1974.



*ONE OF THE HUGE SILOS under construction when completed will hold 150,000 pounds of bulk sugar.*

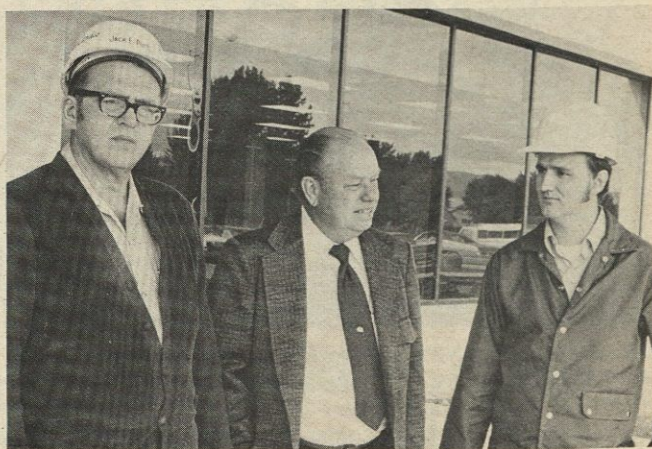
Allen McKee, plant manager, said, "Candy made at this plant will be shipped to distributors at Sacramento, Dallas, Denver and other points in the western part of the country as the need arises."

The plant, covering six acres, will receive the majority of its bulk supplies by Rio Grande Railroad. Facilities to handle the bulk commodities in the making of their fine candies include a chocolate storage capacity of about two million pounds; two silos, each having a storage capacity of 150,000 pounds, will store the bulk sugar; and the two types of corn syrup used will be pumped into two 15,000-gallon holding tanks on the second floor.

The receiving spur inside the building is 140 feet in length. Rails were laid on concrete ties after which a concrete floor was laid over the whole area. Thus, the loading and unloading area can be kept as clean as the rest of the plant.

When in full production, the plant will employ about 600 and will have a production capacity of about 12 million pounds of candy annually. The candy is aged in a cold storage room large enough to encompass two football fields with room to spare for spectators. After aging, it is shipped to the distributing centers.

The Rio Grande Railroad is pleased to serve Russell Stover's new plant and be a part in boosting the economy of the Montrose-Delta area. Russell Stover is headquartered at Kansas City, Missouri.



*TALKING IT OVER are Jack Postl, construction engineer for Stover Candies, Kansas City, Mo., left, Bill French, district manager for Rio Grande Railroad, Grand Junction, and Allen McKee, plant manager, Montrose.*



# Fall Is A Busy Time On The Western Slope

The fall of the year is a busy time for growers on the Western Slope.

In August peaches and pears take the spotlight followed by the harvesting of apples, sugar beets and barley.

Photos on this page show some of the activity for apples, sugar beets and barley.

The apples are processed by Skyland Food Corporation where they are made into jelly, butter and cider. The apple crop was abundant this year. Glass jars, glass and tin

containers arrive by Rio Grande Railroad at the cannery. Approximately 1,000,000 bushels of apples will be processed this year.

Sugar beets are delivered to the Delta Sugar factory by rail where they are piled for storage until needed. The refined sugar leaves by rail.

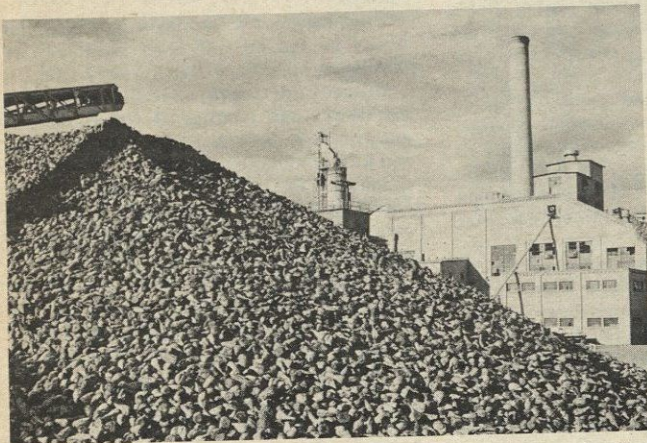
At the Coor's barley storage facility, the grain is cleaned and stored until needed at the Coor's brewery at Golden. The barley is shipped by rail in 100-ton covered hopper cars. This storage facility holds 2,000,000 bushels.



*SUGAR BEETS arrive by Rio Grande at the Delta Sugar Factory.*



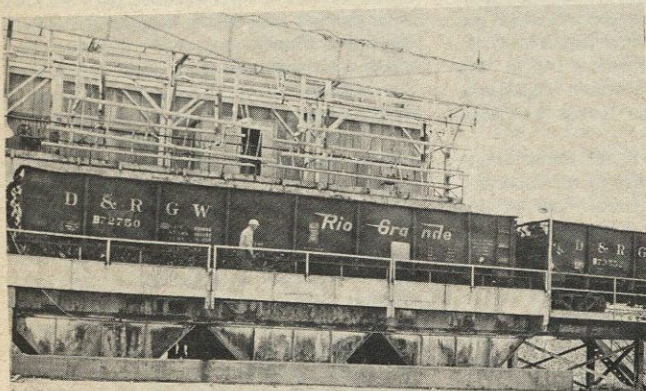
*APPLES ARRIVE BY TRUCK from the orchards at Skyland Food Corp. plant. Due to the bountiful harvest, the apples had to be stockpiled for future use. Two types of apples are processed at this plant.*



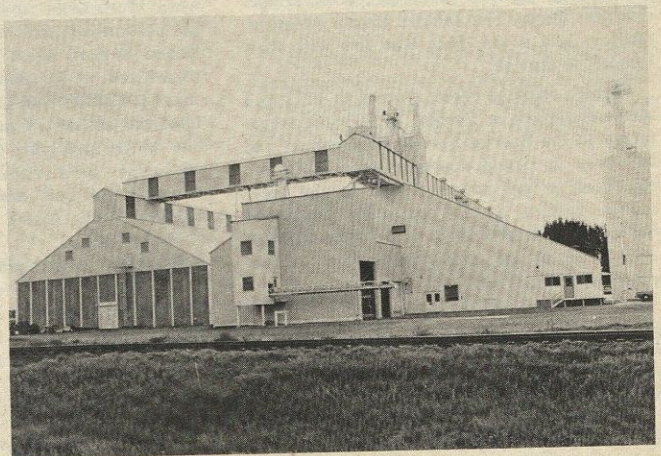
*THE BEETS are stock-piled near the washery before going into the plant for processing.*



*THE BUSHELS OF APPLES pictured above number 21,000. Another stockpile contains an additional 2,000 bushels.*



*BEETS ARE DUMPED into the washer which is the first stage in their processing.*



*BARLEY IS STORED at this Coor's facility between Delta and Montrose until needed at the Coor's Brewery at Golden, Colo. The storage facility holds 2,000,000 bushels of the grain grown to Coor's specifications.*

*(Cheelde photo)*



## Special Agent Frank Jonick Retires With Badge No. 1

By Almeda Flint

Doubtless the most familiar Rio Grande "face" to non-railroaders as well as to railroaders in this area is Frank Jonick, veteran of over 50 years service, who retired on October 31 as a special agent.



ART CAPPS, superintendent of Special Services, Denver, is presenting an Olympia portable typewriter to Frank Jonick who is also displaying his Badge No. 1 while his wife, Erma, looks on. (Cheedle Photo)

An open house was held in his honor at the Grand Junction depot on Sept. 14 when an estimated 250 called to wish him well on his new venture into retirement. Dow Williams, retired, who worked with Frank for a number of years, designed clever party announcements which featured Frank's Special Agent Badge #1. Jim Groves arranged the affair which included refreshments of coffee, root beer, doughnuts and a cake which was decorated to carry out the railroad theme of the "Retired Special Agent Badge #1."

A gift from his fellow employees included an Olympia wide-carriage portable typewriter, a guest book signed by all those attending, and a cashiers check. Corsages were given to Mrs. Jonick and to their daughter, Mrs. James (Lucille) Burns. The Jonicks have a daughter, Shirley, and a son, Bob, who live with their families in Hawaii.

Frank's railroad career started in 1922 as a messenger-clerk at Pueblo. In 1934 he transferred to the Special Service Department and has been in Grand Junction since 1937. He has been a well-known figure in the local school system as he constantly presented Safety Programs to them in the form of films and "Cop to the Kids" discussions. It just might be difficult to fill his (gum) shoes.

## Helper Vets

By Dom Juliano

Coming events for the Helper Veterans for November and December are as follows:

Rio Grande Day—November 11.

Kids Christmas Party—December 16.

New Year's Eve Party—December 31.

There will be details on these events in the next issue of *Green Light*.

## Grand Junction

By Almeda Flint

Congratulations to Tana Petek, daughter of the Joe Peteks, who was named one of the October "Student of the Week" series by Valley Federal Savings and Loan of Grand Junction. Tana maintained a Straight A average for the past five years and has a GPA of 4. Currently she is serving the students of Central High School as Head Girl. Last year she served on the Mesa County Health Board and also was active in debate, having received a Second Place Medal in the Novice Class.

Best wishes to recent retirees — Walter M. Clock, conductor; Oliver Lockhart, trainman; Louie N. Birdsall, engineer; and Claude N. Porter, engineer. All worked on the Utah line west of Grand Junction. Also a very belated, but nonetheless sincere, good wishes to Martin M. Dale, engineer, who retired in July.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Mrs. Frank (Erma) Jonick on November 1. Their daughter, Shirley, and son, Bob, flew from Hawaii and were able to be at her bedside. Another daughter, Lucille, lives at Grand Junction.

Bob Stebbins and wife report a most enjoyable train trip from Chama to Antonito, also on the Silverton from Durango to Silverton with breathtaking scenery all the way. Dean Rees worked as baggageman during Bob's absence. The Lou Ficklins flew to and from Hawaii. Lou said the only complaint was not enough time in the Islands.

Jerry and Gen Erskine enjoyed the Ice Follies at Denver the last week of his vacation. Mike Davis reports a very busy vacation with all that goes on when there is a new baby in the house. Paul Barrie had a good hunting trip and brought back a beautiful four-point buck to prove it.

Bill Anderson of Denver, son of Ruth and Andy Anderson, brought home a large cow elk to help stock his folks' freezer. Darwin Lombardi vacationed with his family at Denver where they had moved early for the start of the school year.

Jim and Mrs. McGinnis invested in a new Mini Motorhome and were well pleased with the accommodations on their trip to the East Coast. Retired agent, Tom and Mrs. Lynch, vacationed at Washington, D.C., with their son, Lt. Col. Jerrold Lynch. Having the opportunity to attend a Congressional Session was one of the highlights of their trip. The C. E. McEnany's have returned from a trip to New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California. While in Long Beach they toured the *Queen Elizabeth* liner.

Sympathy is extended to the Petek family on the loss of Joe's father; to the family of Perry Black, retired engineer; and to Joe Garcia, retired clerk, on the loss of his wife.

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Acupuncture should cure windbags.

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The Australian lad was pleased to get a new boomerang for Christmas. Only thing, he couldn't seem to throw the old one away.

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Money doesn't necessarily bring happiness, but it can make misery a lot more bearable.

## Colorado Springs

By Jim Kennedy

George G. Allen, carman and relief foreman, applied for his annuity September 30 after more than 43 years with the Rio Grande.



A farewell party was held in his honor in the Freight Office on September 28. Attending, in addition to his fellow workers, was his wife, and a gift certificate was presented to him by Robert Evans, working foreman, on the right in the photo.

George began his railroad career as a laborer in the Mechanical Dept. at Pueblo in August 1929. He held positions as sheet metal worker, blacksmith, carman, repair track foreman, and train yard foreman. He saw service at Pueblo, Walsenburg and Colorado Springs.

Everyone enjoyed working with him, and all wished he and his wife many good years of retirement.

Donald Curtis, clerk, and wife enjoyed visiting friends and relatives at Grand Junction and traveling through Utah, Arizona, Texas and Kansas while on vacation.

John Weaver, night switch foreman, visited family and friends at Phoenix. Earl Wells, carman, visited relatives and enjoyed the sights in California.

This reporter and wife, while visiting relatives in Northern California, toured the wineries in the Napa Valley. They discovered on the way home it was easier to lose than win at Las Vegas.

## Ogden

By "Toots" Furniss

Glad to see C. M. Combes back to work after another bout in the hospital. Let's keep improving, Claude.

Lee Colemere with the help of Joe Henderson managed to get Lee's summer cabin at Timber Lakes closed in for the winter. The next chore will be to finish the inside and plant some grass. Looking at the pictures, it is going to be some cabin.

Our deer hunters have had to work harder to get their buckskins this year. Wilf Hamblin, in a party of eight, was among the lucky ones. The group bagged seven bucks.

While others are out hunting, some are getting in good fishing. F. W. Parkinson has been getting some good catches at Pine View.

Visitors welcomed this month were Fern Boyd Phillips and her husband, Gene. They are planning to enjoy their retirement in their trailer, leaving soon for Kansas and then to spend most of the winter in Arizona.



## Colorado Division

By Anne Glivar

The Wells Knapps are vacationing in Kansas and Iowa, visiting friends and relatives.

Art Black enjoyed watching the Denver Broncos-Houston Oilers game at the Astro-dome last month.

Lew and Betty Amicone report an enjoyable vacation playing golf and a trip to Mexico.

It was good to see Gerry McCall who stopped by for a chat.

## Burnham Notes

### Store Department

By Dolly Fagler

Accidents always seem to come in bunches. John Harrison received a sprained ankle and torn ligaments in his leg when he tried to hang onto a motorcycle and ended up on the ground; John Brugger tangoed with a truck near Lafayette, receiving a bruised lip. He totaled out his car, resulting in the purchase of a 1969 Camaro.

Don Bowers sprained his shoulder as a result of an auto accident, and Harold Veal broke his elbow when he tried to push his weight around with a Volkswagen.

There is a brighter side. Joe Jamieson had success when he bagged a deer, so his freezer is reasonably full. Adolph Herman has two weeks to get his deer, and Gerry Hart is out hunting elk. Happy hunting, nimrods! Flash! Bob Guerrieri got a deer.

Nice to have Louis Duran and Bill Moeller drop in for a visit.

### Diesel Shop

By Elmer Schaefer

David Cummings has been accepted in the Aurora Police Academy. He placed second in a starting class of 85. David is the son of Frank Cummings, electrician.

Bill Hurst flew to Mazatlan and Mexico City. While south of the border he attended a bull fight.

The John R. Greens toured 10 states, which included seeing NASA Apollo 11, Langley A.F.B. and visiting relatives at Fairfield, Pa. While touring the Astronaut's Training Center, John became rainsoaked.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of E. O. Maggi in the death of his wife's sister.

The Mark Edwards flew to Los Angeles and motored with relatives up the coast to Oregon and back. They had a fun time on Catalina Island.

Charles Frost and his wife spent a cold night in Yellowstone Park while en route to Seattle. They also visited relatives at Lincoln City, Oregon.

The Art Phillips, on their way to visit a daughter at Selma, Alabama, witnessed a fiddling contest at Branson, Mo., which was won by a 13-year-old boy.

Hugh Shortridge managed a lot of conversation about his "Whopper Stopper Fishing Pole Holder" and making repairs on his snowmobile. Sounds like he is really enjoying his retirement.

The J. W. Myers vacationed overseas at Cologne, Germany. They enjoyed a 3 1/2-hour train ride to Goosebad, where they vis-

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ited their daughter and son-in-law. Other sites included Amsterdam, a boat ride on the North Sea, Hitler's mountain home, Bremer Pass, and Switzerland. Upon his return, he had to have surgery and is now recovering.

The Kappie Kappelmans toured the north-east. Among the interesting things they saw were 60 one-cylinder water-cooled engines all in working order, and the oldest operating printing press in the religious order of Ephrata Cloisters. Kappy was sworn in as a deputy sheriff in the Arapahoe Sheriff's Posse.



*E. O. MAGGI, retired sheet metal worker, is shown with some of his co-workers who presented him with a replica of a Lincoln Electric Welding Machine patterned after one he used in the shops for some 20 years. He had 47 years' service when he retired in July.*



*MODELS OF THE MONTEZUMA were presented to R. B. "Red" Middleton, left, and Carl Cecchine, right, machinists, by G. H. "Red" MacDonald, shop superintendents, as retirement gifts. Middleton and Cecchine each had over 49 years' service with the Grande at the time of their retirements.*

The A. T. Martins drove their Winebago to the Black Hills, Yellowstone Park and Flaming Gorge. They are owners of a race horse, Can-U-Tary, who won his third race at Commodore Downs, Pa., in September.

Peter Lawrence's son, Peter, Jr., plays on a soccer team that won the city championship for nine- to ten-year-old boys. This team hasn't had a team score against them in two years.

The St. Lawrence River was the destination of the Ray McCurdys as they leisurely traveled in their Winebago. They are also the proud grandparents of a baby boy. The proud parents are their son and his wife, Gary and Sheila McCurdy.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Lou Tinsley in the loss of Lou, a retired carman.

A welcome to retired employees, Henry Koch, Nick Ruscio, Lloyd Gentry, Tommy Donohue, Lester Bennett, Louis Mudra, J. E. Newell and Stanley Evans.

Wish the best of everything to D. W. Allen, carman, and to Don Shevlin, machinist, who retired.

## Roper

By Roper Jo\*

Martha McNamara, retired clerk, is at home recovering from a bone graft in her arm. Fellow employees at Roper wish her a speedy recovery.

John and Helen Tolich are the proud parents of a baby daughter, their first child. The baby weighed in at 7 lbs., 10 oz. on Sept. 20. John is with the Traffic Dept. Congratulations!

Final results of the Salt Lake Rio Grande Golf Association were announced at a banquet held at Meadow Brook Club House on Sept. 15. Those attending were served a steak dinner and all the trimmings.

Winners in A Flight were: Low Gross, total points, Harold Pitts; Low Net, total points, 1. Lee Romero, 2. Glen Allen, 3. Pat Pond.

Flight B: Low Gross, total points, J. T. Jenkins; Low Net, total points, 1. Frank Robinson, 2. John Tolich, 3. Bud Holt.

Flight C: Low Gross, total points, John Hartness; Low Net, total points, 1. Donald Pitt, 2. P. VanHorton, 3. D. Anderson.

The games were played at Meadow Brook Golf Course and all the above were awarded trophies.

Best wishes for a complete recovery to Virginia Wagner, wife of Hal Wagner, who has been feeling poorly the last few weeks. Clerks at Roper hope she has a speedy return to health.

Mrs. Herb Beck, wife of retired claims inspector, has had a round trip to the doctors and Holy Cross Hospital. All wish her a speedy recovery.

\*Josephine Smith

## Motor Way

By J. P. Walsh

After more than 30 years' service to Rio Grande Motor Way, James D. Kenney retired as terminal manager at Glenwood Springs on November 1.

James takes with him the best wishes of the Company as well as of his fellow employees and his many friends for a long and happy retirement.

Congratulations to Everett P. Marsh who was appointed terminal manager at Glenwood Springs, and to Larry G. Trembly who was appointed terminal manager at Gunnison.

## Salt Lake Auxiliary

By Dorothy Rugg

There was a good turnout at the Veterans' potluck supper held at the Rail Ops Building. Everyone had a marvelous time, and the food was soooo yummy. The ladies really have some good recipes and know how to put them together.

Events during November will include the Auxiliary luncheon and election on November 9 at the Chuck O Rama and the Veterans' Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at the Rail Ops Building on November 16. Will report on these events later.



## From the Tower

### Expenditure Accounting

It only happens once in a lifetime.



Leonard Spika, left, in the above photo, received a 60-year service pin in October. C. T. Driesbach, auditor of expenditures, made the presentation while Irv Heartz looks on.

Spika joined the Rio Grande as a car repairer and inspector in October, 1913. He subsequently held positions as car clerk, M. C. B. clerk, division clerk at Grand Junction, transferring to Denver in 1923 as AAR clerk and traveling AAR clerk in 1936, the position he now holds.

During World War II he took a 21-month leave of absence to permit him to do some work on the National Railways of Mexico.

Spika has an enviable record with the Rio Grande as he very seldom misses a day's work.

## System Freight Agency

By Charles Cutforth

SFA people are really enjoying the Indian summer. The view from the new offices is breathtaking and vacationers Frieda Tonge, Ed Salazar and Bill Benton have had almost perfect weather.

Bernie Dee, retired, visited the office the other day after completing 18 holes of golf and he also praised the weather.

Delores Nitz supplied everyone a pumpkin for Hallowe'en. They were raised in her garden along with numerous other items.

John Dolphin and Curt Harris have been enjoying Bronco football games. This year they have been treated to some wins. Hope they continue to do so.

Thought: Some men want all their own cake and someone else's cookie!

## From the Twelfth

By Arlis

Hope everyone had a "Happy Pumpkin Day" and will wish you all a "Happy Turkey Day."

We have a "Super Star" in our midst. Jack Thode was on Channel 7. They asked him to express his views on Spiro Agnew's resignation, and evidently he expressed himself too abundantly as all we saw of him was a silent picture.

Sincere condolences to C. J. Harbeke on the loss of his wife, Norma.

H. W. Bushacher journeyed to Topeka, Kansas, to attend Finance Committee meetings at Washburn University. Those Kansas boys have so much money they have to have special meetings to count it all.

Would you believe? Milo Masterson took a well-deserved vacation and went to Phoenix to play in a golf tournament. However, it was so hot that he threw down his clubs and didn't

finish. Do you suppose it was really the temperature or his score that was getting too high?

A scene from the Valley Highway — manager-intermodal services changing a flat tire for a little old lady. That's a Rio Grande Samaritan because it really was a little old lady. D. Davis said so (and he never lies); besides it was 7:30 a.m.

Understand that Executive V. P. - General Manager is not only good at monitoring freight trains but also typewriter repairs. D. Davis will do as well, that is, after a little training plus a few more instructions.

Have you noticed Larry Barenberg is showing vice presidential potential — his back has been out of joint also. Sorry to hear about that, Larry.

Ted Klodt stopped in for a visit. Besides looking great, he said he enjoyed this reporter's column. This was most appreciated; some have said otherwise.

Pat Wood and yours truly had a wonderful trip with Ports of Call to Mazatlan, Mexico. The weather and ocean were beautiful. Shipwrecked on a deserted island, I learned to count to six in Spanish. This took all afternoon; had an excellent teacher. Not that I'm slow at learning, but figured learning to count was the safest activity. Pat turned down an excellent offer to come back to her little brown desk and hassle the telephones. Believe this is carrying loyalty to the job a little too far.



*SURPRISING* what comes to the surface while snorkeling at Mazatlan, Mexico, Mermaids never had it so good.

Something to think about—

"Life is now in session. Are you present?"

"Two things to aim at in life: First, to get what you want; and, after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second."

## Traffic Dept.

By Bob Hulstrom

Would like to congratulate Larry L. Barenberg who was promoted to a new position of Coordinator - Intermodal Marketing at Denver. Larry was district representative at Denver.

Congratulations are also in order for Ben Barnes, Jr., who was transferred from Ogden to Denver as district representative.

Best wishes to both in their new assignments.

Sincere condolences to Cy Harbeke on the loss of his wife, Norma.

## Revenue Accounting

By Dick Eggleston

All wish Katy O'Connell, our retired buddy, a speedy recovery from surgery. Hope she is able to be home recuperating by press time.

Welcome the return of Ron Snow to this department from the Consolidated Mail Room.

## Provo

By R. R. Rackele

Sorry to report that several in our midst have passed away, namely, Mrs. Good, Andy Peterson's mother and sister-in-law, the son-in-law of Hal Rassmussen, and Lloyd Benedict. Sincere condolences are extended to the families.

It seems that everyone in this area has taken to the hills at one time or another to try their luck in bringing home an elk or deer.

The lucky ones so far are Frank Mikesell, Monte Yates and Doug Miller and his father who did their hunting in Wyoming. The unlucky one will have to make friends with the butcher again.

The Fred Hoffmans had visitors from Montana and Washington.

Harry Bywater is in the hospital.

Vern Rodeback is back to work after his vacation. Walt Chappell finished harvesting his soybean crop. Other vacationers include John Boyd, D. B. Bringham, Neil Thorpe, C. M. Bowden and Hal Rassmussen.

## Denver Vets

By Foyle Troxel

Those who attended the October meeting enjoyed playing Bingo, along with the doughnuts and cider for refreshments.

George and Gladys Bush drove to Columbia, Mo. to visit their daughter and family, and flew from Columbia to Boston to visit another daughter and family. Lucy Guy spent several days visiting her sister at Julesburg.

Jerry and Alice Cutshall vacationed in Texas and spent a few days with a granddaughter who is attending Texas Christian University at Ft. Worth.

Glad to learn that Bill Stallins is home from the hospital and feeling better.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Sylvia and Max Garcia in the loss of her brother. Sylvia went to Florida to attend the services.

Charles and Foyle Troxel drove to Arkansas to visit her brother and to view the fall coloring in the Ozarks.

Hope all have enjoyed the gorgeous colors in Denver this fall.

## In Appreciation

*Would like to take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks for the thoughtful attention all have extended to me during my illness. My heart has been warmed and comforted by my many friends who have given freely of their time and thoughtful acts which has given me much encouragement.*

Thankfully yours,

William U. Stallins

Rio Grande



## Helper

By Dom Juliano

A speedy recovery is wished for Eli Zaman-takis who is recuperating in the Carbon Hos-pital after surgery. Eli is the wife of George Zamantakis.

George Zamantakis and his brother, Mike, spent a week in the hills hunting elk. The elk were scarce and their luck was all bad.

Enjoying an 11-day trip to Hawaii were the H. P. Lloyds, Ken Carrs, Martin McPhee and Ruby Wills. Ruby reported they had a great time on the trip.

Proud grandparents, Ern and Lucille Gard-ner, report their first great-grandchild was born to their grandson, David, and Lynda Gardner. Sandra Marie was born on Septem-ber 22. This is the first girl born in the Gard-ner family in 47 years. David is with the U. S. Navy at Long Beach.

Keith Gardner and sons, Dennis, Jefery and Joey, spent a week visiting with the Ern Gard-ners.

Congratulations to Henry and Margie Briest on the arrival of a grandson born to their daughter, Madeline, and Charles Bromo, and their granddaughter, Sharon, and Paul Reay presented them with a great-grandson.

Valarie and Kent Wallace of Provo spent a week visiting their grandparents, the Kendall Carrs. Everett Dale and wife visited their daughter, Linett, at Tucson, Arizona. Mike and Bonnie Pagano went by train to Denver and flew from there to Texas to visit relations.

Bill Nielsen and family spent a week elk hunting. They reported the hunting was bad but the weather was beautiful and they enjoyed camping out. Max Magann, inexperienced hunter, bagged his deer on the first day of the hunting season. Perhaps George and Mike should have taken Max along with them.

Carman Martin Farish is running for City Councilman in the November election. Good luck, Martin.

The Utah Prepaid Legal Services Plan, a non-profit program, is planning to offer bene-fits to Credit Union members in Utah. Details may be obtained from local Credit Unions.

## High Country Comments

By Maribee\*

Ervin Goetsch, agent, and his son, Kenneth, took advantage of a few day's vacation to go to Minnesota pheasant hunting. On their return, they said they should have gone to South Da-kota. That's where hunting for pheasants would have provided a bigger bag than eight birds.

The Goetsches learned something of value to all hunters. Be sure to study the hunting laws carefully when going into another state. With cousins residing in Minnesota, and incidentally they had a chance to visit with the cousins, Erv thought he had observed all the hunting regulations. The warden informed him in no uncertain terms that in Minnesota guns are always encased when not in use, and further-more, zipped cases mean that the zipper goes all the way around with no gaps. Roy Miller was acting agent while Ervin was gone for four weeks.

L. W. Bratton, retired Salida trainman, spent the summer putting a beautiful rock fireplace in his home.

Green Light

Tim Nelson, son of trainman and Mrs. Roy Nelson of Salida, was chosen All-Around Cow-boy during the junior portion of the Spots and Blankets Appaloosa Horse Club Show held at Baca Grande this fall.

Tim was awarded a show halter with a lead strap for winning this honor. He placed second in showmanship, reining control and goat-tying events, third in western equitation, and sixth in barrel racing to merit his all-around title. "Twisty" was the horse that carried him to victory.

Not too many people know that Roy Nelson is a talented artist. His oil paintings are cherished by friends. This is how Roy whiles away time at Minturn while waiting for his return eastward.

"This is life" came to mind as a result of this columnist's first interview with John Smith, retired carman at Minturn. John retired in January 1964 and has been really enjoying his leisure. The way he put it, "I go down to the depot frequently and visit with the boys, but I'm not really interested in engines or box cars."

In talking to John at St. Vincent General Hospital where he was recovering from major surgery, his first attack since retiring, he talked proudly about the two sons in his fam-ily, both of them in governmental work.

Before this article could be written, another blow was to come to the family of John and his wife. John, Jr., connected with the U. S. Embassy in Mexico City, was found dead a few days after this conversation. No details were available.

John, Jr. was a courier stationed in Mexico City. His parents had visited him at the Em-bassy this past spring. He received the appoint-ment after serving 18 years in the U. S. Navy. He was not married and had been in Mexico City four years.

Another son, Roy, is connected with missile work for the U. S. Government. He was sta-tioned in Germany for seven years and is pres-ently assigned to the Dugway, Utah, proving ground.

Iva Jean Kanakin, the daughter of the John Smiths, lives in Minturn with her husband and son. Iva Jean's husband is an employe of New Jersey Zinc.

Harry Thomas, retired carman, formerly of Minturn now of Pittsburg, Kansas, and his wife made a visit to former co-workers and friends this fall. Harry makes it a point to come out each year, usually in time for the Salida Vets Club picnic which he missed this year. The Thomas' have enough friends scat-tered around the country that they can spend quite a bit of time traveling to make the happy visits.

Former Salida telegraphers, Bob Sutherland and Bill Ewald, have placed themselves at Kremmling and Colorado Springs respectively.

A speedy recovery to Dave Williams, engine-man, who had the misfortune to break his leg.

Erv Goetsch is bound to a daily horoscope whether he wants to be or not. His wife, Jackie, reads the daily forecast, and all family moves are governed by what that little paragraph says. The first week of November finally rolled around to being the appropriate time for them to move into their new home located in one of Leadville's subdivisions.

Chuck Ward, former telegrapher and dis-patcher for the Rio Grande, is a busy carpenter involved with rapidly expanding Vail. He stopped at the office recently to say hello.

\*Mary B. Cassidy

## Pueblo

By Ralph Williams

Joseph Jaquez, mechanical laborer, resigned on August 31st to take his retirement after 30 years service with the Rio Grande.



*MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT* employees shown above from left are, John Rose, Jordan Irvin, Erskine Hobbs, Joe Jaquez, being pre-sented with cash gifts from his fellow em-ployees, and Charles Sartin, general foreman.

Joe joined the Rio Grande as a section labor-er at Palmer Lake in April, 1942. He resigned in April of that year to seek other employment, but returned to the Rio Grande in October 1943 as a laborer in the mechanical department at Pueblo. He served continuously in that depart-ment until his retirement except for 22 months when on active duty with the Army during World War II.

His co-workers were on hand to give him their best wishes for a long and happy future.

## Salt Lake Vets

By Fred Krauth

C. L. Crawford, president, called a meeting at his home to plan the Thanksgiving party on November 16 and the Christmas party to be held in December.

The Christmas party will be held at the Senior Citizens Building, 237 S. 10th East, at 6:30 p.m. (Check with your officers for the date.)

The Vets' Club will furnish the turkeys and hams, rolls, coffee and soft drinks. The rest of the dinner will be potluck, so those who plan to attend should bring the "trimmings" that go with these two items. Bring your own dishes and silverware.

A program and dance is planned, and there will be door prizes.

Everyone come and have an enjoyable evening.

The Salt Lake Club would like to thank all for making 1973 a successful year.





# The Grande People

By Ann Eckberg

## Retirements

(Years of Service and Date Shown)

Cordry, Homer R., Denver, Electrician, 28, Aug. 16.  
Craddock, William E., Denver, Waiter — DC&H, 31, Aug. 1.  
Curtis, John C., Pueblo, Conductor, 31, Aug. 19.  
De Julio, James, Montrose, Stower, 25, July 28.  
Gibson, Clifford T., Pueblo, Brakeman, 36, July 1.  
Hixson, Jesse J., Grand Junction, Conductor, 47, Aug. 30.  
Kruckenberg, Jess F., Grand Junction, Locomotive Engineer, 41, Nov. 8, 1972.  
Lozer, Lewis W., Salt Lake City, T & T Maintainer, 28, Oct. 1.  
Pezely, Louis, Salt Lake City, Switchman, 32, July 19.  
Rogers, Kenneth M., Salt Lake City, Conductor, 31, Aug. 1.  
Sperry, Paul D., Salt Lake City, Conductor, 36, Aug. 16.  
Turner, Richard W., Pueblo, Conductor, 37, Aug. 1.

## Losses

(Age and Date of Death Shown)

Benedict, Lloyd E., Norwalk, Calif., Locomotive Engineer, 84, Oct. 5.  
Billingsley, Robert C., Salt Lake City, Fireman, 62, Oct. 26.  
Bokas, George E., Salt Lake City, Section Laborer, 82, June 1973.  
Douglas, Orville M., Grand Junction, Carman, 74, Sept. 13.  
Goure, Charles H., Grand Junction, Section Laborer, 66, April 18.  
Head, John W., Salida, Machinist Helper, 75, July 1973.  
Kendall, Floyd, Grand Junction, Carman, 73, Oct. 18.  
Lowe, William, Denver, Stower, 85, March 26.  
Masche, Richard P., Bond, Agent, 60, Oct. 17.  
Purdy, William G., Salt Lake City, Trainman, 64, Oct. 20.  
Robinson, Gerald B., Denver, Locomotive Engineer, 66, Oct. 13.  
Yant, William B., Grand Junction, General Yardmaster, 91, Aug. 6.

## RECENT APPOINTMENTS

J. E. Armbrust, General Car Foreman . . . . . Burnham  
L. L. Barenberg, Coordinator Intermodal Marketing . . . . . Denver  
B. A. Barnes, Jr., District Representative . . . . . Denver  
D. C. Blevins, Diesel Instructor . . . . . Helper  
J. E. Clancy, General Mechanical Foreman . . . . . Helper  
E. M. Clark, Office Manager, Personnel . . . . . Denver  
H. D. Gibbs, Asst. Road Foreman of Equipment . . . . . Roper  
Art Henke, Road Foreman of Equipment . . . . . Pueblo  
M. J. Henley, System Mechanical Inspector . . . . . Denver  
J. C. Metz, Jr., Asst. District Freight Claim Agent . . . . . Denver  
E. M. Rackley, Secretary, Claims and Special Services . . . . . Denver

## Space Age Railroading

When you are used to working around railroads doing switching, and suddenly you are connected with a test project where speeds of 5600 mph. are attained, there is bound to be a noticeable difference.

C. L. Bloom, switchman at Grand Junction, spent his reserve training duty at Holloman A.F.B., New Mexico. While there, a rocket sled achieved a speed of 5600 mph. as it traveled on "skates" on a track specially made for testing purposes. It was brought to a halt by the rocket scooping up water in the center of the track, which creates a resistance equal to double the weight of the water lifted.

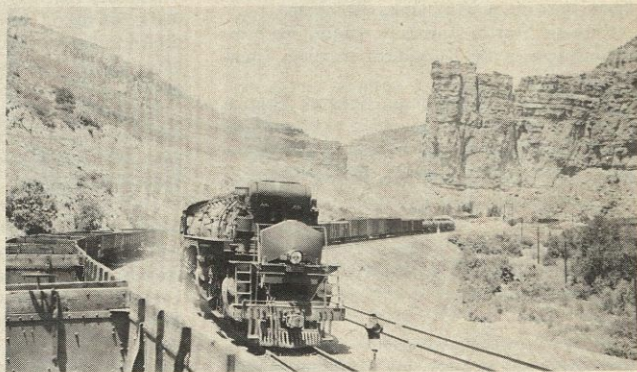
Tests are being conducted for a bucket-seat ejection at a speed of 3700 mph. during the month of January, 1974. Every 6,000 feet, track sprinklers have been installed which can be set at different densities, from large drops of water to a fine mist or "fog," for use in determining what will happen if water hits an object at these tremendous speeds.

When Bloom served his previous training at this base, the test track was seven miles in length. It is now ten miles with another extension being constructed. One of the far-distant aims of the project is to send an Air Rocket Train to the various planets. This will be accomplished by launching the Rocket Train up the side of a mountain where the thrust will carry the train out into space.

A film, "Space Age Railroading," has been requested for showing to interested employees at Grand Junction.

By Almada Flint

## Memory Album



RIO GRANDE FREIGHT TRAIN #28 is captured by Richard Kindig drifting down the east slope of Soldier Summit with 3700, a 4-6-6-4, on the point. In the background is Castle Gate where train watchers spent many hours in days gone by photographing Rio Grande trains.

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## Suggestions

Suggestions received for review and discussion:

15688	19027	19701
16055	19036	20594
18059	19623	20636
18330	19686	31158
18436	19698	31341

The following suggestions were received and for various reasons were not adopted:

18331	19028	19048
19025	19033	

The following suggestion was adopted. Identification stub should be mailed to the Personnel Office:

31165

## Women's Lib and Toastmaster's

Women's Lib has come to the Down-towner's Toastmasters Club, formerly Rio Grande Toastmasters. A recent change in the By-laws of the Club allows women to join the club.

For the females in the Rio Grande who would like to "learn to talk" with poise and self-expression, now is the time to avail yourself of this opportunity.

This is a luncheon club that meets every Monday noon at the Broker for one hour.

For further information, contact Dan Walkovitz, 222-5533, Ex. 2363.

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*An executive's wife wouldn't be jealous if she knew what his secretary really thinks of him.*



FRANK KENNELLEY, president of Down-towner's Toastmaster Club, welcomes Isabelle Verratte as the first member of the distaff to join the club after the by-laws were changed to allow female members in the club. This is the first club in the Denver area to become coeducational.

## For Christmas Surprises

Instead of hanging up your stocking this Christmas, the Rio Grande Veterans' Club suggests using a Silverton Travel Bag for those little extra goodies.

The Silverton Travel Bag, a practical item that may be used year 'round, will fill the void for giving a little something extra. It features Rio Grande's popular narrow gauge train with steam locomotive No. 473. The utility bag is white vinyl, trimmed in black, 14 1/2 in. long, 9 1/2 in. high, 6 1/4 in. wide, zipper top opening, regular handles, side pockets, artwork and lettering in gold and black.

Send check or money order in the amount of \$2.50, plus 50 cents postage, to Rio Grande Veterans' Club, D&RGW Railroad, P. O. Box 5482, Denver, Colo. 80217.

## Christmas Giving Suggestions

Stumped at what to give for Christmas?

How about giving a railroad publication for that rail fan of yours. Publications just released or about to be released have some fine railroad history and nostalgia.

### The Colorado Rail Annual No. 11

Just off the press in time for Christmas offers the reader a varied consist of western and narrow gauge history. Three areas are included in the publication:

The first is the Chihuahua Mineral Railway, a narrow gauge railroad in Mexico. They operated both steam and electric locomotives and became the delight of rail fans of our southern neighbors. This railroad has recently been abandoned.

The second area is a biographical sketch by Dick Kindig of one of Colorado's famous pioneer railroad photographers, the late Otto Perry. Perry was well known to rail fans all over the country, and the Perry prints are sought after and valued by rail photo collectors. Many of the photos in this article have never been published before.

The third area is a detailed article by Gordon Chappell on Rio Grande's one-time narrow gauge network and key part of the original famed "Around the Circle" tours. This segment is the Ouray Branch nestled deep in the northern flank of the San Juan Mountains.

All three articles are well covered and very interesting.

Colorado Annual carries a price tag of \$9.75 and may be ordered direct from Colorado Railroad Museum, P. O. Box 641, Golden, Colo. 80401, or Caboose Hobbies, 610 15th St., Denver, Colo. 80202.

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Gold Filled ... RG-18	\$9.50	RG-18E \$10.50

### TIE TACS

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# Interdivisional Runs Provide Faster Service

Successful completion of agreements between Rio Grande operating crafts and management creating interdivisional runs between Pueblo and Minturn will now permit expedited scheduling of through freight service.

This improved service on the Royal Gorge Route, so vital to Rio Grande customers, was inaugurated officially on October 16 with the by-pass of Salida as a crew change point. Engineers began operating on this interdivisional run on September 16 and the balance of the train crews on October 16.

Interdivisional operations result in an improved competitive position for the "Action Road" that provides greater customer satisfaction.

Another interdivisional operation recently put into effect was from Pueblo through La Veta to Alamosa.

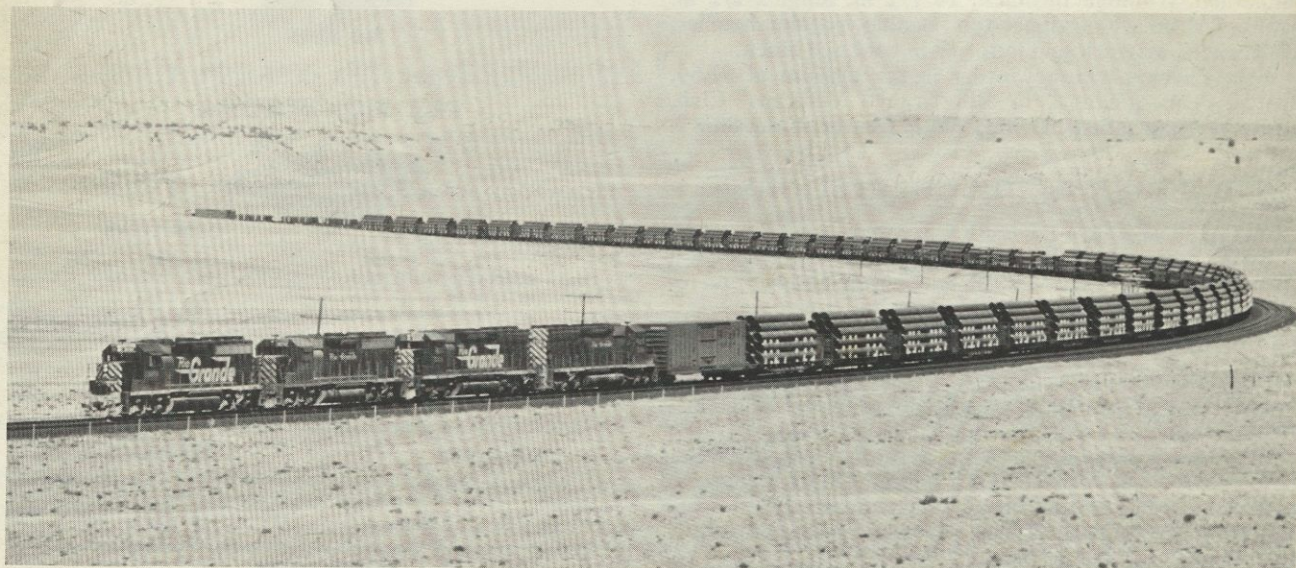
Train and engine crews on the interdivisional runs are once again demonstrating extreme skill and dedication to this first class service.



*EASTBOUND No. 142-815 with a GP 40, 30 and a 40 on the head end of a 58-car freight is ready to leave Minturn for the non-stop run to Pueblo on October 16.*



*ONE OF THE FIRST CREWS into Minturn from Pueblo, shown from left, were Jack Vaughn, engineer; Joe C. Mayo, conductor; Carl Beauregard, rear brakeman; and George Denham, head brakeman.*



*WITH FOUR UNITS on the head end a Rio Grande freight near Goodnight west of Pueblo on an eastbound run. (Bolerjack photo)*



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